

Subject: [CCSS] Message #45: LDC/MDC Roll-out

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Dear Arkansas educator:

Beginning the 2013-2014 school year, Arkansas schools will implement Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in grades 9-12. Opportunities for professional learning for English language arts and mathematics teachers will be available through a partnership of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE), Education Service Cooperatives, STEM Centers, Education Renewal Zones and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). This partnership has allowed for professional learning focused on the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) and Mathematics Design Collaborative (MDC).

LDC and MDC are professional learning opportunities designed for high school teams to utilize a unit-based approach to the literacy and mathematics demands defined by the CCSS. Participating teams will receive three days of professional learning in July, with four follow-up days during the 2013-2014 school year. Participants will design, implement, and reflect on rigorous units of study based on a student-centered approach to CCSS.

More than 40 high schools in Arkansas are implementing LDC and/or MDC. The project began with five pilot districts in 2011-2012. More than 30 districts joined the implementation in 2012-2013.

This professional learning will now be offered to another cohort of schools. The ADE and SREB will host four face-to-face regional meetings to share information about the LDC and MDC. The meetings will be hosted by the education service cooperatives from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM on dates listed below. Please register with your respective cooperative at one of these locations:

March 25 - Dawson Co-op (Arkadelphia)

March 26 - Arkansas River Co-op (Pine Bluff)

March 27 - Wilbur D. Mills Co-op (Beebe)

March 28 - Northwest Co-op (Farmington)

Interested educators who wish to learn more about this work but are unable to attend one of the above sessions may participate in the session Monday, March 25, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM via live streaming. To access the session, please click on this link: <http://www.dawsonesc.com/en-us/livestream.aspx>

All information and materials presented during these sessions and needed for the application to participate in LDC/MDC will be posted on <http://ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/leadership#leadership-3>

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Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas! Please share this information with other Arkansas educators!

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